AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at Page 5, line 13 as follows:

Figure 9 is a flow chart diagrammatically depicting one embodiment of the method of the present invention; ~~and~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning at Page 5, line 16 as follows:

Figure 10 is a schematic representation of a die assembly for pressing compacts into a ~~jacket.~~ jacket; and

Please amend the specification at Page 5, line 18 to add the following paragraph describing Figure 11, add the following paragraph:

Figure 11 is a schematic representation, partly cutaway, of a weapon known in the art as having a closed gas pressure system for operation of the bolt of the weapon.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 13 to read as follows:

Figure 2 depicts an exploded view of a projectile prior to assembly and depicts a cup-shaped jacket 52 having a closed end 54, an open end 56 and a wall 57 defining an internal volume ~~59~~ 37 of the jacket. The depicted projectile includes a first compact 40 having a first end 39, a second end 41 and a body portion ~~49~~ 43 disposed between the ends 39, 41. Each compact further exhibits more densely pressed end portions 42 and 44. As depicted in Figure 2, a second compact 40' is substantially identical to the first compact 40. Each compact includes a longitudinal centerline 45. further, in the embodiment depicted in Figure 2, the projectile includes a first separator disc 46 which is disposed between the abutting second end 41 of the first compact 40 and the first end 39' of the second compact 40'. Each of the compacts is depicted as having the same outer diameter, d_1. Still further, the depicted projectile includes a further separator disc 48, which may be substantially identical to the first disc 46 and which is disposed in overlying and abutting relationship to the second end 41' of the second compact 40' and between this end of the compact 41' and the open end 56 of the jacket.

Please amend the specification at page 32, line 29, to add the following paragraph:

Figure 12 depicts a typical weapon 100 having a gas operated bolt 110. The depicted weapon specifically is an AR-15 which is a member of the M16 family of weapons which were first introduced in the 1950s by Eugene Stoner. This weapon is standard issue in the U.S. military and NATO, evidencing the notoriety of this type weapon in the art and industry. In the depicted weapon, the bolt is mounted on a bolt carrier 104 that is slidably mounted within the breechblock 106 of the weapon. A firing pin 108 is mounted within and carried by the bolt. A gas flow channel leading from the interior 109 of the barrel 110 of the weapon to a chamber 112 near the rear end 114 of the bolt carrier is defined by a first leg 116 which leads from the interior of the barrel to a second leg 118, which, in turn, leads to the chamber 112. Upon the firing of a cartridge within the weapon, the projectile is propelled along the length of the barrel. Once the projectile has passed the first leg 116 of the gas flow channel, expanding gas from the fired cartridge flows through the first leg 116, thence through the second leg 118 and into the chamber 112 where the pressure from the expanding gas forces the bolt rearwardly (away from the barrel) to open the breech, eject the empty cartridge case, etc. all as are well known in the art and industry.